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REMARKS

Entry of this response under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because no new claims or issues are raised and the only claim amendments being existing dependent claim matter into the independent claims.

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the in-person interview conducted with Applicant's representative on August 5, 2008. During the interview, the Examiner and the Applicant's representative discussed all the claims and references as they applied to the present Application. Based on our arguments in the interview, the Examiner indicated that the claims would overcome the cited references if the independent claims were as set forth herein.

It is noted that the claims amendments are made only for pointing out the claimed invention more particularly, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims, or for statutory requirements for patentability. Further Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-19, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed

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below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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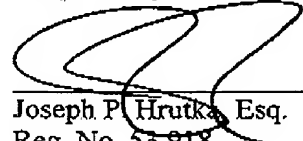
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I hereby certify that I am filing this paper via facsimile, to Phuong Dai of Group Art Unit 2617, at (571) 273-8300, on August 22, 2008.

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